on Care of the Elderly sponsored by the Indian Council of Medical Research and other medical and family planning bodies and suggest ways and means of implementing them;

(2) to consider the draft national policy on care of the Elderly suggested by the Round Table discussions and suggest a policy frame for adoption.

(3) to suggest programmes for the care and protection of the elderly in keeping with the changing socio-economic conditions as also for utilisation of their services and experiences with a view to supplement the income as also channelise their energies in community support activities.

2. The composition of the Committee is as follows:—

(1) Secretary, Ministry of Welfare	Chairman
(2) Representative of the Ministry of Health	Member
(3) Representative of the Deptt. of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development	Member
(4) Representative of the Ministry of Labour	Member
(5) Representative of the Deptt. of Pensions, Ministry of Personnel	Member
(6) Representative of the Ministry of Transport	Member
(7) Representative of the Ministry of Urban Development	Member
(8) Representative of the Ministry of Finance	Memver
(9) Representative of the Ministry of Rural Development	Member
(10) Representative of the Planning Commission	Member
(11) Joint Secretary Ministry of Welfare	Member-Secy.

3. The tenure of the committee shall be two years and it shall meet as often as necessary.

4. The Chairman shall have the right to invite representatives of other Departments/Ministries State Governments, Voluntary organisations, experts, etc. as and when required.

5. The non-official invitees to the meeting shall be eligible to T.A./D.A. for attending the meetings as provided under rules.

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(ASHA DAS)
Joint Secretary to the
Govt. of India

Encroachment of land in Rohini Project

2781. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some influential persons of the area has encroached upon the DDA Land of Rohini Project measuring about one acre in between Avantika and Village Mangolpur Khurd, West Delhi during the riots in 1984 in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the land so encroached upon has been used for constructing about 60 dwelling units by the persons concerned;

(c) whether the land so encroached upon is within the limit of village 'Lal Dora'; and

(d) if the reply of (a) to (c) above is in affirmative, the details of house-

tax so imposed and charged on the above said property from a particular date by the M.C.D. etc?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Delhi Development Authority has reported that award for acquiring about one acre of land between Avantika and Village Mangolpur bearing Khasra No. 162, 163 and 368/2 was announced in 1977. However, the possession of the land has not so far been given to it as it consists of built up area.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Bureau of Salt Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur

2782. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Scientists and other staff of the National Bureau of Salt Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur, have levelled some charges of discrimination against their Director;

(b) if so, whether Government have instituted any enquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and what action Government propost to take against the said Director?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

2783. [*Transferred to the 6th September*, 1990].

Increase in the prices of essential commodities

2784. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that despite Government's efforts, the prices of essential commodities are continuing to rise upward;

(b) whether it is a fact that official wholesale price index for all commodities (Base 1981-82) increased during the week ended August 14th, 1990;

(c) the details of the increase in price index during the last three weeks, week-wise; and

(d) what further steps Government propose to take to check the rising trend in prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) There are a number of reasons for continuance of price rise including in case of some of the essential commodities. The main reasons for price rise are sharp increase in money supply during 1989-90 and earlier years, rising consumer demand and demand and supply gap (e.g. in case of essential items like pulses and edible oils). Besides, seasonal factors, increase in procurement and issue prices of some of the agricultural commodities, rise in transport cost in the wake of hike in administered prices of petrol and diesl, and increase in railway freights have contributed to inflationary trends and rise in prices.